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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

TANAKA et al.

Serial No.: 09/322,201

Filed: May 28, 1999

For: SPECIALLY SHAPED BALLOON
DEVICE FOR USE IN SURGERY AND
METHOD OF US

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: William Lewis

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application.

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EXTENSION (months)	FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY	FEE FOR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
1 month	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$110.00
2 months	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$380.00
3 months	<input type="checkbox"/> \$435.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$870.00
4 months	<input type="checkbox"/> \$680.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,360.00
5 months	<input type="checkbox"/> \$925.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,850.00

An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this Request \$110.00.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

FEES FOR CLAIMS:

The fees for claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)-(d)) have been calculated as shown below:

Total Claims	38	-	42	=	0	x	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	-	5	=	0	x	\$78.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	\$260	(if applicable)				<input type="checkbox"/>		\$0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS								\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for Filing by Small Entity. Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28.								\$0.00
If applicable, Verified Statement must be attached. <input type="checkbox"/>								
TOTAL FEES FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED HEREWITH								\$0.00

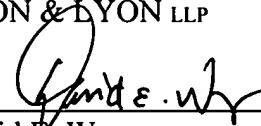
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Dated: August 14, 2000

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Sir:

This Amendment is directed to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2000. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 7 and 40-42 without prejudice to pursue these claims in another application. Please add and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for dissecting tissue to facilitate a laparoscopic surgical procedure in an anatomical region of a patient's body, the apparatus comprising: